

The five-metre-high fence erected yesterday at the Dehaishe refugee camp to protect traffic from stone-throwers. (AFP)

Petrol bomb thrown at Israeli car near Hebron

Dehaishe now tougher for stone-throwers

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DEHAISHE. — IDF troops yesterday sealed a road and alley leading into the Dehaishe refugee camp, and raised and extended a fence running in front of the camp to deter stone-throwers on that stretch of the Jerusalem-Hebron highway.

The highway continued to be a focus of violent incidents last night, as a petrol bomb was hurled at an Israeli car on the outskirts of Hebron. The driver swerved to avoid the bomb, and the car overturned, lightly injuring the driver. He was treated at an IDF infirmary and later released. Troops searched the area.

The measures at Dehaishe, near Bethlehem, followed a night of violence at the camp, in which stones were thrown at three Israeli vehicles, injuring a woman, and IDF troops entered the camp in force, carrying out house-to-house searches and rounding up men for questioning. The troops, who encountered stone barricades, fired in the air and used tear gas to disperse youths who pelted them with stones.

Three men from the camp have been arrested on suspicion of involvement in the stone-throwing. An IDF investigation of events during

the night found that reported shooting from the camp was in fact firing by IDF soldiers. No weapons were found during the search of the camp.

IDF officers at the scene said the unrest was apparently sparked by rumours that settlers from Kiryat Arba were arriving at the camp.

Jewish settlers arrested after Saturday's rampage through Dehaishe are to be charged within the next two days, police said yesterday. The 13 settlers have been held in custody since the incident, in which shots were fired and stones hurled at homes and property in the camp.

They are expected to be charged with a number of offences, including indiscriminate shooting in a populated area, assaulting troops and police who tried to halt the violence, and entering a closed military zone.

Another settler suspected of involvement in Saturday night's rampage was arrested yesterday at Kiryat Arba. He is suspected of blocking the Jerusalem-Hebron highway with his car. Yet another suspect, Rabbi Amram Yifrah, head of the Kiryat Arba religious council, was released after police lineups showed he was not at the scene during the rioting. A settler

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Rabin knocks 'hooligans'

By DVORAH GETZLER

Post Knesset Reporter

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin stands behind everything that OC Central Command Aluf Amram Mitzna has said and done in the wake of last Saturday night's attack on the Dehaishe refugee camp in the West Bank, the minister told the Knesset yesterday during a debate on the Dehaishe incident. He called the attackers "hooligans."

Rabin had been asked to expand

on his statement that he stood firmly behind Mitzna.

Did that include Mitzna's condemnation of the attack as "an abomination"? he was asked.

"Everything he has said and done," said Rabin firmly.

The attackers had behaved like hooligans both in attacking IDF personnel, and in the subsequent attack on the camp. That sort of behaviour would not be tolerated (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

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Venice summit ends

Allied leaders pledge fight on Aids, call for end to apartheid

VENICE. — Allied leaders, winding up their three-day summit yesterday, pledged increased efforts to combat Aids and called for the dismantling of the apartheid regime of South Africa.

The leaders of the seven leading industrial democracies also expressed support for the international campaign against drug abuse, promised to back Philippine President Corason Aquino's government and to defend threats to Western security and the world economy.

Italian Premier Amintore Fanfani, host of the meeting, read the final communiqué to a news conference as French President François Mitterrand, Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and U.S. President Ronald Reagan followed the text.

The remarks concerning drugs and South Africa were in extra statements, which Fanfani read in addition to the communiqué.

"We agreed that a peaceful and lasting solution can only be found to

the present crisis if the apartheid regime is dismantled and replaced by a new form of democratic, non-racial government," Fanfani said.

When the leaders adjourned from their final working session, they crossed St. Mark's basin in a procession of motor launches.

A flotilla of craft, ranging from speed boats to Italian Navy frigates, guarded the leaders on the water, while troops on the shore stood

watch. Helicopters were positioned above.

Security at the summit conference was tightened after bombs went off on Wednesday at the U.S. and British embassies in Rome, and a suspicious — but harmless — object was found in the lagoon.

The closing statement covered a wide range of economic goals, including agreement to coordinate efforts to sustain economic growth and reduce trade tensions. The lead-

ers reaffirmed a recent agreement by their finance ministers on ways to stabilize the dollar.

The section on Aids called for increased international cooperation in combating the disease, but cautioned that any measures against Aids must be "in accordance with the principles of human rights."

The leaders called Aids "one of the biggest potential health problems in the world. In the absence of a vaccine or cure, the best hope for the combat and prevention of Aids rests on a strategy based on educating the public about the seriousness of the Aids epidemic, the ways the Aids virus is transmitted and the practical steps each person can take to avoid acquiring or spreading it."

The leaders also said that their nations should encourage efforts to tackle environmental problems of worldwide impact, including ozone depletion, climate change, acid rain, hazardous substances, pollution and destruction of tropical forests. (AP, Reuters)

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Tamir tiff spikes China visit

By BENNY MORRIS

A personal and budgetary wrangle between the foreign and agriculture ministries, and the reported reaction by Foreign Ministry director-general Avraham Tamir, have prevented Israel's attendance at the conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) currently taking place in Beijing. Israel's failure to send a delegation to the meeting marks a major deviation from its standing policy of trying to exploit every avenue of entry into China.

According to well-placed sources in Jerusalem, when the FAO invitation arrived, Tamir proposed that the delegation of Israelis to Peking should be composed of agricultural experts and "a political element." The sources said that Tamir submitted to the FAO his own name and that of Yitzhak Minervi, the Foreign Ministry's assistant director-general for economic affairs. Tamir denies that he put forward his own name for the delegation.

The sources suggested that had Tamir proposed the names of lesser Foreign Ministry officials, a delegation with "a political element" could have entered China.

The FAO, after consulting with the conference's Chinese hosts, replied that the meeting was for experts and Tamir and Minervi would be unsuitable. Tamir then decided that as no Foreign Ministry officials would be participating, the ministry would not finance the sending of any Agriculture Ministry officials.

"I refused to accept (the FAO and Chinese) conditions. We told the Agriculture Ministry to do what it liked," says Tamir.

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O'Connor fails to shake witness

By ERNIE MEYER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BERLIN. — John Demjanjuk's defence counsel, Mark O'Connor, in a tension-filled session here yesterday, subjected prosecution witness Otto Horn to seven-and-a-half hours of cross-examination that challenged his credibility in general and his testimony on specific points.

The 83-year-old former Treblinka guard stood up remarkably well under the strain, which had the young German woman interpreter asking to be replaced after five hours. Except for being hard of hearing, the wiry old man, who has a full head of white hair, seemed extremely fit.

O'Connor scored what was probably his greatest success towards the end of the session, when he got the German supervising judge, Hans-Juergen Mueller, to admit into evidence the document Horn signed at the U.S. consulate in Berlin in 1983. Although the document's contents were not revealed, *The Jerusalem Post* learned that it contained a retraction of Horn's 1979 identification of Demjanjuk as the Ivan who operated the gas chambers at Treblinka and was known for his singular viciousness.

O'Connor: "You were at the office of the U.S. consul on August 19, 1983 and put your name to a document?"

Horn: "Yes, but I did not read the document at the time."

O'Connor: "Was it not read out to you?"

Horn: "No. I thought it was by the same U.S. Justice Department people who were with me in 1979. That's why I did not read it."

O'Connor: "You mean to say you would sign anything as long as it comes from the U.S. Justice Department?"

Horn: "Yes, that's what I assumed."

O'Connor: "Did the vice consul (Continued on back page)"



IDF soldiers fire on U.S. film crew

By BRADLEY BURSTON

For The Jerusalem Post

GAZA. — IDF troops at the Erez checkpoint on the northern border of the Gaza Strip reportedly opened fire on a car carrying an American television crew yesterday afternoon.

The incident occurred after members of the crew, attempting to film the long line of vehicles waiting to enter Gaza, were asked by soldiers not to film the scene. The crew then began to drive off towards Gaza.

The soldiers called on the driver to stop, and when he did not, they fired a warning shot in the air. The driver ignored this, too, and soldiers then reportedly fired at the vehicle.

The crew, who were not hurt, were taken to the Gaza civil administration offices.



Singing "Hatikva" at the opening of the Independent Liberal Party's 11th National Congress in Jerusalem yesterday. From left to right, Vice Premier Shimon Peres, President Chaim Herzog, Liberal leader Moshe Kol and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. See story, page 2. (P. Tikiner/Media)

South African emergency extended

CAPE TOWN (Reuters). — South African President P.W. Botha last night extended a year-old national state of emergency under which there have been thousands of detentions without trial and sweeping media censorship.

Botha made the announcement to Parliament here some 24 hours before the emergency was due to expire.

The emergency, imposed to clamp down on political unrest that has left 2,500 dead in black townships, has resulted in a sharp decline in violence, according to the government's Bureau for Information.

Botha told Parliament that emergency rule was still needed to contain political unrest.

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The super Phantom will be seen for the first time in public in Paris and represents a joint venture by IAI, the Israel Air Force and Pratt and Whitney.

Absentee Lavi steals the show

By AVI HOFFMANN

Post Aviation Reporter

PARIS. — While not physically present, the Lavi fighter plane is dominating the Israeli exhibition at the 1987 Paris Air Show. The plane forms the focus of the Israel Aircraft Industries pavilion and is presented as the miracle of Israeli aerospace achievements.

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This is an example of joint undertakings, which seem to be the direction in which the aerospace industry is heading, especially in large-scale projects such as the Lavi, Keret said.

Stoutly defending the Lavi, Keret declared that this was more than an airplane, and added that the two prototypes had completed over 50 test flights, exceeding performance expectations. He called on the Israeli government to make a quick and positive decision on the fate of the plane. Keret said that \$1.3 billion was needed to complete development of the Lavi. This was in addition to the \$1.5b. already spent.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin opens the Israeli exhibition today. The exhibition consists of the IAI pavilion and one other pavilion housing 18 companies organized by the Israel Export Institute.

Rabin will be meeting President Mitterrand and other senior French officials today. Mitterrand's meeting with the visiting defence minister is seen as a gesture to Israel.

Mortars near Ba'abda

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Mortar bombs exploded near the palace of Christian Lebanese President Amin Jemayel yesterday in an apparent expression of mounting Moslem impatience with the pace of investigations into the murder of Prime Minister Rashid Karamah.

They were fired as Moslem political

leaders, militia chiefs and leftist party bosses gathered in Damascus to discuss the formation of a new Syrian-backed front aimed at putting pressure on Jemayel and on Christian hardliners.

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Sharon surprises rabbinate with wheat deal

By ANDY COURT, DVORA GETZLER and HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon stung the country's Chief Rabbinate and angered the country's farmers yesterday by announcing his decision to export a significant portion of this country's bumper wheat crop and import an equal amount from the U.S., in order to placate the country's *haredi* (ultra-Orthodox) rabbis.

"I respect rabbis," Sharon said, "and when rabbis turn to me and present a problem that concerns the

shmita [Sabbatical] year, my job is to find a solution; and I provided a solution which will not hurt the farmers. And the growing Jewish public that wants to observe *shmita* will be able to do so."

Sharon's announcement stunned the Chief Rabbinate, which was in the middle of negotiations with Industry and Trade Ministry officials.

"Minister Sharon didn't consult with us, and didn't advise us that he was going to take this step," Rabbi Gideon Perl, an assistant to Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Asked which rabbis Sharon had

been referring to when he said he had decided to follow the advice "of the rabbis," Pearl replied, "He must have been talking about MK Avraham Shapira. He [Sharon] sold himself to the Agudat Yisrael. He'll pay millions of dollars at the expense of the Jewish people."

The country's wheat farmers, meanwhile, were also furious. David Dor, secretary of the Israel Association of Field Crop Workers, said that the Trade Ministry owes growers \$8 million for wheat already harvested and has refused to sign a contract committing itself to a previously agreed-upon price per ton.

The farmers will either go to the High Court or stage public protests if the matter is not clarified soon, he said.

The reason for all the hard feelings is that this has been one of the country's best wheat harvest years ever, but it is also a sabbatical year, in which Jewish farmers in the land of Israel are required by religious law to let their fields lie fallow. In cooperation with the Chief Rabbinate, the country's 400 wheat growers, mostly kibbutzim and moshavim, went through a procedure whereby they symbolically sold their land for one year to a non-Jew.

The procedure satisfies the Chief Rabbinate, but not the *haredi* community, which has demanded that all the country's wheat be imported regardless of this year's bumper crop.

Israel consumes about 650,000 tons of wheat in an average year; between 250,000 and 260,000 tons were produced in this season's exceptional harvest. But many bakers and producers of grain products don't want to lose their ultra-Orthodox customers, and consequently don't want to buy locally produced grain this year. For this reason, the Trade Ministry is trying

to export some 75,000 tons of this year's harvest, according to ministry Director-General Yoram Blizovsky.

Speaking in the Knesset yesterday, Sharon insisted that it was respect for religion — and not the desire to score political points with the ultra-Orthodox — that had motivated his action on the issue.

He said he rejoiced in the growth in the number of those observing *shmita*.

"Why not set a personal example?" Mapam MK Elazar Granot asked.

Sharon made no reply.

Independent Liberals respond warmly to Peres message

By DVORA GETZLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

If Shimon Peres is looking for the support for an international peace conference that he cannot find in the government or the Knesset, he found it last night at the Independent Liberal Party's 11th national congress in Jerusalem.

It was Peres's night as he picked up the gauntlet thrown down by Premier Yitzhak Shamir and waved it triumphantly aloft to the rhythmic applause of the 601 delegates from over 100 branches who crowded the hall at the Larom Hotel.

Shamir, who spoke first, made a bold bid for the veteran ILP. He flattered the party's bruised and battered ego by invoking the memory of Pinhas Rosen in the centenary year of the party leader's birth.

The ILP, which has not held such a national gathering for 10 years, may well decide not to perpetuate the current arrangement with Labour. But it left Peres in no doubt that Labour would enjoy its support in whatever electoral configuration the party decides on in the next few days.

And if Peres, like so many others, had the vision of a party of pensioners, he must have been surprised to see a very high proportion of young faces, men and women in their twenties, thirties and forties.

"There are more youngsters here than usual in political congresses," a veteran newsman noted.

One young man, a male nurse from Rishon LeZion, confessed that he had been a Likud voter prior to joining the party eight years ago. "The Likud was just too extreme. There'll never be peace with them," he said.



Hottest commodity in Tokyo's department stores these days is Antarctic ice. The imported ice comes in plastic bags for 850 yen (\$6) per bag. (Reuters)

Rosen, Shamir said, had known how to rise above party interests, to put the nation's interests first, and "we all have to learn how to follow that example," Shamir said to applause.

But stony silence greeted the development of that theme: that peace could not be made unless the nation was agreed on the nature of that peace. Anything else would merely divide the country, Shamir warned.

The mood changed as the announcer introduced "our friend, Shimon Peres." There was a swell of applause that turned spontaneously into rhythmic clapping as the vice premier and foreign minister rose.

A nation goes to war in unity, Peres said, meeting Shamir's challenge head on. But there are other occasions when fateful decisions must be made. Peace requires that type of decision and, he hinted, unity may then well become a lesser consideration.

Peace, the rule of law, tolerance, an end to religious coercion — those were the watchwords that brought the applause. And any reference to the difference between the ILP and Liberals of any other designation.

President Chaim Herzog spoke of the period of the Six Day War as the last golden age of national consensus. He lamented the decline in the level of public discussion in a bitterly divided society, though he was careful to say that he meant no specific party. And he, too, won his round of applause for praising the ILP's devotion to the rule of law.

But mayor Teddy Kollek was obviously the darling of the evening. Liberal Centre leader Arye Dulzin, on the rostrum as World Zionist Organization head, did not fare so well, though the Ashkenazim, Sephardim, Arabs, Druze, Ethiopians, city dwellers, kibbutz and moshav members heard him out politely.

Information withheld from state comptroller

By ASHER WALLFISH
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State Comptroller Ya'akov Malz said yesterday that he had been stymied recently in obtaining material and documentation from bodies subject to his inspection.

Malz told the Knesset's State Control Committee that the recalcitrant bodies backed up their refusal with the argument that the information was classified, and quoted legal opinions from their own legal advisors to substantiate this.

The comptroller was replying to a question from Yair Tsaban (Mapam).

Malz said that while he could not tolerate the refusal of any inspected body to furnish material on any grounds whatsoever, for the time being he preferred to adopt the methods of "peaceful persuasion."

In fact the comptroller has no teeth in this respect and can only appeal to the minister who has parliamentary responsibility for the recalcitrant body involved.

The State Comptroller's Law merely says, in article II (e), that the comptroller is "authorized to demand" all material from the inspected body. It does not spell out any sanctions for refusal.

The chairman of the State Control Committee Prof. David Liba'i said later, in reply to a reporter's question, that the law was inadequate.

Liba'i said that the joint subcommittee of his panel and the Law Committee, which is currently working on new legislation in the form of a Basic Law: State Comptroller, would certainly insert a clause spelling out the comptroller's powers. This would totally rule out refusals to furnish the comptroller with material.

Liba'i said the previous state comptroller, Yitzhak Tunik, told the Bejski commission of inquiry into the bank shares collapse that the Bank of Israel at one point had tried to withhold material from him, with the excuse that it was "classified."

Tunik did not resist and pressured the bank, Liba'i said.

In the meantime, Liba'i said, the State Control Committee could solve the problem faced now by Malz, by conferring on him the authority of a judicial commission of inquiry with respect to the recalcitrant body. Following that, Liba'i said, any refusal to furnish information would put the body in question in contravention of the law.

Malz did not tell the MKs which bodies were causing the trouble.

Dulzin prepares for showdown

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Zionist leaders representing all political parties yesterday rallied behind World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency chairman Arye Dulzin in preparation for the expected showdown with overseas fund raisers at the Jewish Agency assembly meeting that opens on June 21.

Declaring their "complete support" for Dulzin, they called on the Zionist General Council, which convenes next Monday, to "find a suitable means of giving expression" to their position.

Their action was taken at the close of a two-day meeting of the Zionist Executive, the ZGC presidium, and heads of Zionist federations from abroad.

But their support fell short of the call made by some speakers for the annulment of the letter Dulzin was forced to sign in February, promising that he would not seek reelection when his second term expires in December.

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Kids reflect prejudices

Ethiopian immigrant children identify with light-skinned dolls, and believe that "fair is beautiful," according to a recent study by a Beersheba psychologist.

Sara Munitz, who studied the attitudes of Ethiopian and other elementary school pupils to skin color, found that the black children had an unrealistic image of their bodies, and the white children were prejudiced against darker ones, Israel Radio reported yesterday.

Munitz developed a self-awareness programme designed to allow mixed groups of elementary school children to discover and respect the differences between them and accept their own identities.

The children measure, weigh and draw themselves, play with variously coloured dolls and discuss their differences. The programme ends with each child preparing a detailed identity card of himself, describing his personal attributes.

RABIN

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any longer, Rabin vowed.

But for the most part the minister's answer to the motions for the agenda was a replay of the remarks he made last week in a debate on terror in the territories in the wake of the murder of eight-year-old Rami Halah.

Only peace would halt terror, but until peace was attained and the political status of the territories was decided the IDF was charged with ensuring that all the residents of the territories, Jews and Arabs alike, live in peace. To that end, the IDF would use all lawful means to apprehend and punish terrorists.

But that was for the IDF to do. It was not the settlers' job, he said.

The settlers lived in the territories by virtue of the protection the IDF afforded them. And they lived there at their own risk and must take their chances against terror, as did all Israelis, whether within the pre-1967 border or outside it.

Left-wing speakers in the debate reiterated that the solution to the problem was a complete withdrawal from the territories.

But Labour's Amnon Linn, while condemning the settler's attack which he termed a "pogrom" — over the heated objections of Tehiya MKs Geula Cohen and Yuval Ne'eman — insisted nevertheless that draconic deterrent punishment was needed not for the settlers but for Arab terrorists. And that should include the death penalty in certain cases.

"What you want is half tea and half coffee," an exasperated Cohen told Linn as he finished speaking.

Tehiya MK and former chief of general staff Rafael Eitan yesterday defended Amram Mitzna's right to express himself however he likes. Mitzna, who is OC Central Command, has been attacked by Kiyat Arba settlers for calling a Jewish rampage in the Dheisheh refugee camp "an abomination."

"If I were in his place, I might have said something else, or the same thing, or even something more forceful," Eitan said on Israel Radio last night. "He was voicing his feelings, in his own words. We shouldn't examine army commanders' every expression," he said.

But stony silence greeted the development of that theme: that peace could not be made unless the nation was agreed on the nature of that peace. Anything else would merely divide the country, Shamir warned.

The mood changed as the announcer introduced "our friend, Shimon Peres." There was a swell of applause that turned spontaneously into rhythmic clapping as the vice premier and foreign minister rose.

A nation goes to war in unity, Peres said, meeting Shamir's challenge head on. But there are other occasions when fateful decisions must be made. Peace requires that type of decision and, he hinted, unity may then well become a lesser consideration.

Peace will only come if there is a peace policy in Israel, Peres said to tumultuous applause.

There was nothing new in Peres's words, but there was a ringing dovish message.

And the ILP, which has had a seat in the Alignment since the start of the present Knesset, lapped it up.

Peres picked up the theme of the congress, continuity with a long-gone proud past in which the ILP played a central role. David Ben-Gurion, he reminded his listeners, had had the courage to take difficult decisions that had not enjoyed universal endorsement. Had he not done so, the state would not have come into being.

The carriage of history was running alongside the state right now, Peres said, quoting French Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand. "We cannot ask it to wait while we decide whether we are going to climb aboard on the journey towards peace. We must try, now. We may not succeed. But we must make that effort."

And the clapping swept round and round the hall as he sat down.

Agricultural team in Egypt

A delegation of Israeli agriculture and Foreign Ministry officials left yesterday for a visit to Egypt, where they are expected to sign an agreement to increase Israeli-Egyptian agricultural cooperation.

The delegation, headed by the Agriculture Ministry's Prof. Samuel Porokhies, is expected to agree to an increase of Israeli assistance and to the establishment of another Israeli-aided agricultural station near the Nile.

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By MENACHEM SHALEV
Post Political Reporter

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Policeman convicted for bashing boy

A Border Policeman was convicted in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday of causing injury in aggravated circumstances to a 7-year-old Arab boy.

Yona Zuchov, 24, admitted that he had apprehended the boy three weeks ago as the latter walked out of Mograbi Gate on the Temple Mount towards the Western Wall area. He dragged the boy to the Wall and beat his head against it, causing wounds that required several stitches.

The policeman, who has been under arrest since the incident, underwent psychiatric testing and was declared fit to stand trial.

He is to be sentenced at the end of the month. (Itim)

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Polls give Conservatives 7-8% lead

British voters go to polls today

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — If either Margaret Thatcher or Neil Kinnock is feeling the strain of three-and-a-half weeks on the election trail, neither of them gave any sign of it at their final news conferences yesterday.



Labour leader Kinnock, as affable and unflappable as he has been throughout, told reporters at party HQ in Kennington that "Labour will win a majority" in today's election, and argued that the Conservatives were "unfit to rule."

10, and that the electorate quite rightly has a fear of the "more extreme" Labour Party.

Only the Alliance leaders, David Owen and David Steel, look the worse for wear, their tired expressions contrasting sharply with the bright yellow ties and rosettes they had hoped would herald a golden era for their party. Analysts say that the Alliance's gradual fall away in third place was the price of its over-intellectual approach to the campaign.

The two nationwide polls released yesterday put the Conservative lead at some 7 to 8 per cent, suggesting a House of Commons majority of between 30 and 50 seats. This ties in with the past five nationwide polls which, averaged out, give the Tories 43 per cent, Labour 34, and the Alliance 22.

Throughout the campaign, however, Labour supporters have pointed to findings in marginal polls as evidence that the final vote may be a lot closer than is generally imagined. A BBC poll in Labour-Conservative marginal seats yesterday showed a swing to Labour of seven per cent, giving Labour 45 per



British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Conservative Party chairman Norman Tebbit confidently point the way during the party's final press conference of the election campaign yesterday. (AFP)

cent, the Conservatives 40 and the Alliance 15.

Thatcher did not appear bothered by these figures, as she helicoptered around the south of England yesterday.

A prediction of bad weather — and the lower turn-out it brings — may favour the Tories, who also have the advantage of a better-established organization for taking voters by car to the polls.

Over 2,000 protesters detained in Korea

SEOUL (Reuters). — A student lay dying, policemen were badly beaten, a train was commandeered and government offices torched in a day of anti-government protests across South Korea yesterday which ended with more than 2,000 detained.

Thousands of protesters, led by dissident leader Kim Young Sam, clashed with teargas-firing riot police in the streets of the capital, demanding the resignation of President Chun Doo Hwan and a return to full democracy.

Similar clashes were reported in the southeastern city of Masan and other provincial areas, but no details were immediately available.

Opposition groups also were protesting against the governing Democratic Justice Party's confirmation of Roh Tae Woo, a former general, to take over when the president's 7-year term runs out in February.

In one of the worst incidents in Seoul, eye-witnesses said one policeman suffered severe head injuries when his unit ran out of teargas and hundreds of students disarmed them and battered them with rocks. The witnesses said at least five more officers were hurt.

As Chun and top ministers and ruling party officials attended a gala reception at the Hilton Hotel, an estimated 2,000 students took control of surrounding streets, a local police post was gutted, and 20 police were besieged in a restaurant for half an hour before being rescued.

The state radio said more than 2,000 people had been detained across the country. It said those found to be ringleaders or instigators of violence would face charges, while the others would be released.

In Seoul alone, more than 400 were known to have been arrested. In the capital's main avenue, hundreds of cars and buses drivers honked their horns in a 20-minute cacophony and churches and temples tolled their bells to signal disapproval of government policies.

It was one of the worst nights of violence the capital has seen since Chun, then the military strongman, consolidated his hold on power in 1980.

The demonstrations in Seoul and about 20 other cities were called jointly by Kim's Reunification Democratic Party (RDP) and the so-called headquarters of the National Campaign for a Democratic Constitution.

About 200 RDP members went on hunger strike in their Seoul office, alleging police brutality.

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Moscow deports 30 foreigners with Aids

MOSCOW (Reuters). — About 30 foreigners who underwent treatment for Aids in the Soviet Union have been deported, a Soviet expert on the disease said yesterday.

Valentin Pokrovsky told the official news agency Tass that only seven Aids patients including one Soviet citizen, were at present in Soviet hospitals.

Foreign students and people seeking to study in the Soviet Union are being given blood tests to determine whether they have Aids, Tass reported.

The agency did not say when the tests began, if they are mandatory or whether they apply to students of all nationalities.

Pentagon approves sale of missiles to Egypt

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. Defence department has notified Congress it had approved the sale of Sparrow anti-aircraft missiles to Egypt. Assuming there are no congressional objections, the Pentagon said Egypt would be offered 282 Sparrow missiles for use aboard fighter aircraft and 514 Sparrows configured for ground launch against airplanes. That transaction is valued at \$190 million, the Pentagon said.

150,000 police on alert for Spanish vote

MADRID (AP). — Spaniards went to the polls yesterday in municipal, regional and European parliament elections expected to test the popularity of Socialist Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez after months of violent strikes and growing unemployment.

The Interior Ministry announced that more than 150,000 police — the entire national force — were placed on alert for the day's voting, with police guards posted at the 43,024 polling stations across the country.

Pope supports aims of Poland's banned Solidarity

TARNOW, Poland (Reuters). — Pope John Paul told a cheering throng of two million at an open-air mass in this farm region yesterday that he supported the aims of the banned Rural Solidarity Union and independence for Polish farmers.

His statement, which spoke of an "economic and moral crisis" in agriculture, was the clearest and strongest he has made on behalf of alternatives to Communist systems since he began a third pilgrimage to his homeland on Monday.

Solidarity banners fluttered at the mass outside this southeastern town here the pope also beatified 16-year-old Karolina Kozka who died defending her virginity against a Russian soldier who tried to rape her in 1914.

Sen. Biden joins Democratic Party race

WASHINGTON (AP). — Delaware Senator Joseph Biden Jr. is the fifth official candidate for the 1988 Democratic Party U.S. presidential nomination, having announced his candidacy Tuesday.

Senator Albert Gore Jr. is set to become No. 6 later this month, and will probably be followed by Rev. Jesse Jackson who indicates his announcement will come later this summer.

Any day now, Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton is expected to announce his decision on whether to enter the race. And Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia is being pressed to give a signal of his intentions by July or August.

Rust flew to Moscow to promote understanding

MAINZ, West Germany (AP). — The parents of Mathias Rust have characterized the daredevil teen-age pilot as an idealist who flew to Moscow's Red Square to draw world attention to the need for understanding between nations.

Karl-Heinz Rust and his wife, Monika, discussed their son's motives on West Germany's ZDF television network. Rust, 19, has been in Soviet custody since landing a borrowed Cessna 172 plane in Red Square on May 28.

His father said that "He did it out of his love for peace, for understanding between nations."

Vietnam deserter arrested on returning to U.S.

QUANTICO, Virginia (AFP). — A U.S. Marine deserter who spent 17 years in Australia after fleeing Vietnam was arrested this week as he returned to the U.S. to visit his ailing father.

Military guards met 39-year-old Douglas Beane on his arrival at Los Angeles Airport, then flew with him across the country to the Marine base here.

Beane, who married and raised a family in Australia, was facing seven charges of participation in a black market scheme and threatening to kill a fellow Marine when he went absent without leave in 1970.

If U.S. intervenes, Iran vows to turn Gulf into 'graveyard'

NICOSIA, Cyprus. — State-run Teheran Radio said yesterday that Iran would turn the Gulf into a "graveyard" in the event of an American intervention, after earlier warning that it could attack U.S. nuclear reactors.

"In the event of an aggressive intervention in the Persian Gulf by American forces, the region will be turned into a graveyard for aggressors and their allies," said the radio, monitored here.

The radio commented late on Tuesday: "U.S. interests throughout the world are so scattered and uncontrollable that, should America become embroiled with the Islamic Republic, the vulnerability of the U.S. administration would be high."

That commentary said the U.S. warning that it will attack Chinese-made HY2 Silkworm anti-ship missiles deployed on the strategic Strait of Hormuz, gateway to the Gulf, was premature.

"Contrary to what they claim, (they) are unable to accept the risk of attacking Iranian missile bases in the Persian Gulf or other forms of confrontation."

It added: "U.S. centres and nuclear reactors can be more vulnerable than the missile bases of the Islamic Republic of Iran."

The radio did not specify any targets or their locations and did not elaborate on its threat to attack. It appeared to be another warning in a series of threats the Iranians have been making in recent weeks to show their willingness to fight the Americans if they attacked Iranian forces.

The Iranians have threatened to carry out suicide operations against U.S. warships in the Gulf or raid Arab Gulf bases which the Americans are allowed to use for an attack on Iran.

But in general, apart from the rhetorical threats, they have repeatedly said a war with the U.S. is unlikely.

Kamal Kharrazi, spokesman of Iran's war information headquarters, was quoted by the radio as saying recent reports that as a precautionary measure, the U.S. may attack the Silkworm missiles were "psychological propaganda."

He said when the Americans plan to attack somewhere, they do not

normally announce it in advance, as they did not in Grenada in 1983. He said it was also a way to sell arms to Arab countries of the Gulf.

In other developments, U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger said U.S. naval protection of 11 Kuwaiti vessels in the Gulf may begin next month. At a hearing before the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee he said the Reagan administration was committed to putting U.S. flags on 11 Kuwaiti ships and protecting them against Iranian attack.

A Greek-owned tanker was damaged by explosions in the northern end of the Gulf, but the captain said yesterday he did not know what hit his ship.

Gulf-based shipping sources earlier reported that the 274,829-ton Ethnik hit a mine, apparently laid by Iranian Revolutionary Guards, off Kuwait.

Iraq is observing a self-imposed halt to attacks on shipping in the Gulf in what diplomats see as a show of support for Western efforts to end the Iraq-Iran war. (Reuters, AP)

'Iron Lady's' mate wears a fixed grin

LONDON (Reuters). — "Where's D.T.?" called out Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher when she realized her husband was again lost in a crowd as she campaigned for a third term of office.

Denis Thatcher, the much-parodied spouse of Britain's "Iron Lady," has faithfully accompanied the 61-year-old Conservative leader on her three-week drive towards today's general election, greeting voters with a fixed grin.

Asked by one constituent whether he was enjoying the round of factory visits and rallies, the 72-year-old businessman replied stoically: "I certainly make it look as though I do."

Despite professed enthusiasm, he once admitted that playing consort to Britain's first elected woman leader does have its trying moments: "Sometimes one does sit down and think — is it all worthwhile?"



Denis Thatcher (Camera Press)

Two Iranians told to leave Britain

By DAVID HOROVITZ
LONDON. — Britain yesterday ordered two more Iranian diplomats out of the country intensifying once again the two-week diplomatic row with Iran.

Foreign Office Undersecretary Sir Patrick Wright summoned the senior Iranian official here, charge d'affaires Akundzadeh Baasti, to Westminster yesterday morning for a half-an-hour meeting, explaining that Britain was not expelling the diplomats, but was simply seeking to reduce Iranian diplomatic representation here.

Wright points out that, while Britain has only 13 diplomats in Tehran now, Iran has 18 here. The Foreign Office intends to send three more diplomats to Tehran, so that each side has 16 diplomats in each other's country.

Baasti was not convinced, however, and linked the latest British directive to the diplomatic row which began two weeks ago with the arrest of an Iranian official here on shoplifting charges.

Meanwhile, France has expelled two Iranian nationals arrested in a major anti-terrorist sweep last week, putting them on a plane for Teheran.

Moscow moves to expel Swiss

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The Soviet Union yesterday announced that it had declared a Swiss diplomat *persona non grata* and ordered him to leave the country within a week.

The official Tass news agency said Swiss Embassy First Secretary Erich Pircher was being expelled for "activities incompatible with his status as a diplomat." The phrase is generally used to denote spying.

Infected pregnant Zaireans to receive Aids antibodies

PARIS (AFP). — A French researcher, Daniel Zagury, says he will soon try to immunize unborn babies against Aids by injecting a vaccine made from his own Aids antibodies into Aids-infected pregnant women in Zaire.

Dr. Zagury, who developed the antibodies after trying an experimental vaccine on himself, said that "now that the way has been open," his Franco-Zairean team would test it on humans "on a large scale."

Emphasizing the difficulty of forecasting research results, Zagury said in an interview that the clinical tests would start in a few months, as soon as final touches were put to the Aids vaccine.

"If all goes well, we hope to be able to propose a vaccine in three or

four years," Zagury said, stressing that the tests on humans would be conducted with the support of local authorities and of the World Health Organization.

Zagury also reported positive results in the treatment of 10 Zairean victims of the acquired immune deficiency syndrome, a yet-incurable condition which destroys the body's ability to fight disease and usually results in death.

The 10, he said, were working and living normally a year after the immune capacity of their own white blood cells was reinforced in test tubes and the blood cells were re-injected into them. But he warned that it was too early to draw conclusions.

"I believe this treatment has a future," Zagury said. "But I don't want to raise unfounded hope."

Witness describes Auschwitz horrors

LYONS (AFP). — A witness at the trial of former Gestapo chief Klaus Barbie yesterday described the horrors of the notorious Auschwitz extermination camp.

Marie-Claude Vaillant-Couturier, 74, a one-time deputy speaker of the French National Assembly, was one in a series of "historical witnesses" testifying at Barbie's trial for crimes against humanity.

Vaillant-Couturier, a former Resistance leader who gave evidence to the 1946 Nuremberg war crimes tribunal, was arrested in 1942 by police working for the Vichy government. Vaillant-Couturier, who spent 18 months in the camp, was told by a Gestapo officer before her deportation: "You are going to a German concentration camp from which people never return."

The gas chamber, she said, was "a simple wooden cabin hermetically sealed from the inside."

Describing mass executions at Auschwitz in the summer of 1944, Vaillant-Couturier said, "That summer, a considerable number of Jews arrived from Hungary. Convoys came in day and night."

"Out of 1,000 people, barely 250 men aged 25 to 45 entered the camp. The rest were executed less than an hour later, and big flames could be seen rising out of the crematoriums," she recalled.

"I also saw women being torn apart by dogs, and SS officers putting other women on trucks that would take them to the gas chambers, whipping them all the way up to the door."

She said naked, skeletal women were lined up in groups of five and sent to the gas chamber. She described how dying victims struggled to drag themselves out of the pile of bodies in front of the infirmary, how Jewish babies were drowned in water buckets at birth and women were sterilized.

At dawn, she went on, women were told to stand out in the snow all around the camp and left there till nightfall, when they were ordered to run into the shanties.

"Those who fell down were dragged along on harpoons to cabin 25, the anti-chamber of death, and there were moved directly into gas chambers," she added.

Iran-Contra probe recesses

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The congressional probe into the Iran-Contra scandal has wrapped up its first phase after tearful Fawn Hall emotionally defended her former boss Oliver North, who is at the centre of the controversy.

The joint hearings of the special Senate and House of Representatives committees probing President Reagan's most damaging political crisis recessed Tuesday after more than five weeks of testimony and were set to resume on June 23.

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Sharir scores NRP plan for pardons

By MENACHEM SHALEV
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Justice Minister Avraham Sharir yesterday blasted the National Religious Party's plan to secure presidential pardons for imprisoned Jewish underground members by special legislation, saying that it was a "very grave" matter and that it would damage the stature of the presidency.

In a meeting with reporters in his Jerusalem office, Sharir also castigated the "extensive use" of judicial commissions of inquiry. He said that the public administration was "weak" and was resorting to the judicial branch to avoid making decisions.

Sharir added that the constant "invasion" by one branch into the sphere of another constituted a "danger to society and democracy."

"The executive branch stands on trial once every four years" in elections, Sharir said, "and that is enough."

The minister announced that he would reach a decision on William Nakash's extradition to France before the current July 7 deadline. He described as "not totally accurate" reports of the findings of the special Justice Ministry emissary to France that French jails are just as safe as Israeli ones. Nakash is resisting his extradition to France, where he is wanted for murder, by claiming that his life would be in danger in a

French jail.

Acting ministry director-general Haim Klugman announced a series of initiatives aimed at "solidifying the rule of law" and, at the same time, "changing the stiff and formal image" of the ministry.

A Public Council for promoting the Values of the Rule of Law would soon be established by the ministry, Klugman announced. The council would launch an information campaign among lawyers and the general public, he said.

Sharir has also initiated a joint project with the Police Ministry to shorten police investigations. Currently, Sharir said, these investigations carry on "for years," and suspects' lives, careers and reputations suffer "irreparable harm."

Sharir said that he was concerned most of all with the backlog in the country's courts. He said that over 700,000 court files are opened each year. This means that "one out of every three citizens" has some business with the courts.

The minister said that he had proposed streamlining litigation on customs, tax and traffic offences. He had also come to an agreement with Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar that, in order to overcome the "bottleneck" in the district courts, the current limit of NIS 40,000 on matters brought before the magistrates' courts would be increased to NIS 150,000.



Walters carry in lunch for the leaders attending the seven-nation summit in Venice. Lunch was served yesterday in the elaborate 16th century Doge's Palace in St. Mark's Square. (Reuters/UPI)

Fined for lying about her age

By BRADLEY BURSTON

BEERSHEBA - Is a woman's lying about her age a natural right or a criminal offense? The local magistrates' court obviously believes the latter, for earlier this week it sentenced 40-year-old Rachel Danino to a NIS 2,000 fine and a suspended eight-month sentence for doing just that.

The perjury and suborning of witnesses charges against Danino stem from her application in 1982 to change the legal registration of her age, in an effort to convince her then-fiance of the truth of her family's contention that she was born in 1954 and not, as listed on her identity card, in 1947.

At the time, she told the court that she had suffered from an eye ailment as a child, and her parents, fearing that they would be denied permission to emigrate from Morocco to Israel as a result of her illness, presented a much older girl in her place for registration by alia authorities.

Persuaded by the proceedings as to the truth of Danino's claim, her fiancé married her shortly after the application was submitted. But government attorneys detected a number of contradictions in Danino's

account of her background, and their investigation resulted in the present charge.

In his cross-examination, prosecutor Nathan Zolocher disclosed that in 1964, Danino had applied to a nursing school whose minimum age requirement was 16. He also produced an identity card Danino had received the same year, with a picture the court later described as consistent with the appearance of a 17-year-old.

Danino replied that at the age of 10 she disguised herself as a 16-year-old in order to be accepted at the school. To substantiate her claim, she produced three witnesses, a woman who claimed to have been her first-grade teacher in 1961, her brother, and a woman who said she knew her from kindergarten.

In his ruling, Judge Yitzhak Shabtai wrote that he was especially saddened that Danino "stuck to and embroidered her string of lies over the years, because of her inability to stand up to family and social pressures to keep knowledge of her real age from her husband."

The three witnesses were sentenced to NIS 250 fines and suspended four-month prison sentences each.

Once a year week honours volunteers

By JEFF BLACK

For The Jerusalem Post
Over 40,000 volunteers from all over the country have been celebrating National Volunteer Week which ends today.

The volunteers range from pupils who help the elderly in their spare time, to some 1,283 people employed on a full-time basis.

Ezra Janno, the director of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs Volunteer's Services explained the two main reasons for National Volunteer Week.

"At least once a year we should thank the volunteers and use the

opportunity to recruit new ones."

This was certainly what happened in Ashdod earlier this week. As the city's 40 separate volunteer branches gathered to promote their work, 100 new helpers were recruited.

The ministry's volunteer unit, said Janno, was established 10 years ago with three major aims in mind: to open up the social public's involvement in combating social problems; and to provide the volunteers with a feeling of satisfaction.

Initially the volunteers met with some resistance from professional social workers, but over the years, said Janno, the cooperation between them has grown.

Official complains Arava was cheated in VOA deal

By BRADLEY BURSTON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA - Ilan Oren, head of the Arava regional council, yesterday urged the postponement of next week's scheduled White House signing of the U.S.-Israel agreement on the Voice of America relay station. Oren declared that under the proposed pact, the Arava region is being asked to pay dearly for American displeasure over the Pollard affair.

In a telegram to communications Minister Gad Ya'acobi, Oren charged that former ministry director-general Yoram Alster had bowed to high-level pressure during negotiations with U.S. officials, and had granted financial concessions to

the direct detriment of the Arava. According to Oren, under the original accord, the U.S. was to have transferred to the government of Israel a total of \$23 million, of which approximately \$14m. was designated for development projects in the region. In the pact to be signed next week, however, \$7 million is to be waived, and the remaining funds, to be paid over the next 25 years, are earmarked for the Treasury and not for the Arava, he said.

"In the wake of the Pollard affair, and with their intense desire to please the U.S., Premier Shamir and Vice Premier Peres strongly pressured the Israeli negotiating team to make these concessions," Oren continued. "But the settlements of the

Arava are unwilling to pay the price of surrender."

He urged the government to reconsider the agreement in their meeting next Sunday.

A source in the Communications Ministry told *The Jerusalem Post* that, although postponement of a White House ceremony is "politically out of the question," ministry officials are confident that in continuing talks between the Finance Ministry, the Communications Ministry and Arava leaders, a satisfactory financial arrangement can be concluded shortly.

Yoram Alster, now a high official in the Bezek corporation, was unavailable for comment.

German expert sees threat in Islamic movement

A student of fundamentalism

By BENNY MORRIS

Dr. Hans Stercken, the visiting chairman of the Bundestag's Foreign Affairs committee and president of the council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, is deeply worried by the spread of Moslem fundamentalism.

At a luncheon in the Knesset with Israeli MKs, Stercken specifically mentioned Tunisia as a potential victim of such a fundamentalist movement after the present ruler, President Habib Bourguiba, passes from the scene. He refers to the "concern" on this score of Moroccan parliamentarians, to whom he has spoken recently.

Stercken describes himself as a student of fundamentalism ("not only Islamic"), which he regards as the antithesis of the "democratic, evolutionary, compromising" politics that he espouses. He speaks of his visit last year to Teheran, where he noticed "greater recognition [of the rights of] Jews and the Baha'is," but

without any serious change in the basic fundamentalist outlook of the regime. He spent "two and a half hours arguing with Ayatollah Rafsanjani [the Speaker of the Majlis]," he recalls.

His antipathy for the Moslem fundamentalists is only partly linked to the threat Iran seems to pose to the West's oil supplies. "We can get oil from elsewhere, from Nigeria, for example. But the problem is that if the oil doesn't flow, then the exporting countries will get no money and won't be able to buy European goods [leading to a major East-West rupture]. The fundamentalists threaten the whole Middle East and Mediterranean, which is now [an area] developing its ties with the E.C. And they threaten the [bases of] our politics - tolerance, acceptance of pluralism, compromise."

Stercken is not unduly worried about the trend towards fundamentalism in Israel. "Israel is a normal society, and like normal

societies, it has extremists, fundamentalists." He doesn't believe they are significant or a growing threat to the Israeli body politic.

Stercken protests: "I don't understand why the foreign media focus on the extremists in Israel." He defends Israel's role in the 1985-86 Iran arms deals by pointing to Israel's need "to protect Iran's 35,000 Jews."

He doesn't believe that the political stalemate in the unity government and its apparent paralysis in major policy fields necessitate an overhaul of the political system. "The decision of the people was for a stalemate. So that's what should be. The people are sovereign. Even in our system we have such situations. One must never correct the decision of the voters."

Stercken first came to Israel 26 years ago as the German official observer at the Eichmann trial. Later he headed the Centre for Political Education in West Germany in which successive groups of German officials were taught about the Third Reich.

Festival found 'right formula'

By LEV BEARFIELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel Festival officials yesterday evening declared the three-week event a success, and said that financially the festival appeared likely to break even.

At a self-congratulatory press conference at the Jerusalem Theatre, festival artistic director Oded Kotler said that the 1987 festival "was by far the largest, most complicated and most successful" ever held in the capital.

The festival continues through June 14. General manager Ishai Amrami said that preliminary figures show that 121,000 tickets were sold in Jerusalem and another 31,000 were purchased for performances outside of the capital. This suggested that the festival would conclude within its NIS 2.2 million budget, unlike previous years, Amrami said.

Kotler said that the festival had "found the right formula, and we now have the path to follow for the festivals to come." He added that "we don't want the festival to get too big, but we haven't reached our limit yet."

This year's festival brought together 700 artists from 10 countries. Nearly half of the programmes had sold out, Amrami said, adding: "And our statisticians tell us that there were 15 million individual pieces of applause."

Half of the tickets for the festival were sold during the preliminary discount purchase period in March, Amrami said, and about 10,000 were sold during the festival itself.

Anticipating criticism about the cost of tickets, Kotler lamented "the



high price of bringing quality performances to Israel. There were a number of things we simply couldn't afford to bring. This is why, for example, we have no visiting symphony orchestra at the festival. Nevertheless, having a company like the Stuttgart Ballet shows the heights we did achieve."

Kotler termed the Peter Brook production of *Carmen* the festival's costliest and most complicated production, and the Tokyo Quartet's complete Beethoven cycle the riskiest. "But in both cases, audiences have been large and enthusiastic."

Kotler noted that *Carmen* cost \$200,000 to stage, and Philippe Petit's high-wire act over the Hinnon Valley had cost NIS 100,000.

Street theatre today: Yosi Tzema's troupe presents the minimalist play *Place and Friends* at the Gerard Behar Plaza at 6 p.m.; Eldad Ziv's acting company performs *Ain Zo, Ben Zo*, a surrealist play, and outside the President Hotel at 8 and 10 p.m.; the Jerusalem Trombone Quartet performs at the Henry Crown Plaza at 7 p.m.; the video-art "Bus" leaves the Henry Crown Plaza at 4 and 6 p.m.

HEROIN - A Hongkong man who tried to enter Canada with nearly a kilo of pure heroin stashed in his running shoes was sentenced Tuesday by a Brampton district court to seven years in jail.



Some 5,000 children from 45 schools in Jerusalem gathered in Liberty Bell Park yesterday to display crafts learned in after-school activities. (Y. Zaken/Media)

Bahai project is tax exempt

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA - The government has granted the World Centre of the Bahai religion "approved project" status for its \$160 million development plans in Haifa and Acre.

The agreement grants them full

tax exemption on construction that is to be carried out over a 10-year period, Ronald Bates, of the World Centre, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

In return, the Bahais have undertaken to use Israeli labour, contractors and materials whenever available and suitable.

Cave's pull leads to concert

A new artistic link will be forged between Jerusalem's present and ancient past when the world premiere of Tzvi Avni's composition "Zedekiah's Cave" is presented at the cave at 5:30 p.m. today.

The huge underground area, discovered accidentally in 1854 by Dr. James Berkeley, is believed to have served as a quarry for Jerusalem builders as early as the Second Temple period. Several legends are connected with it, most notably the tragic escape of King Zedekiah, the last ruler of Judea.

"The place has exercised a strong, mystical pull on me ever since Yitzhak Ya'acobi, director of the East Jerusalem Development Corporation, brought me here several months ago," said Avni, a leading Israeli composer. After a search for an appropriate text, a poem by Yehuda Amichai was chosen, "an evocative and illustrative work conveying the sensation of time standing still."

Scored for bass, instrumental ensemble and magnetic tape, "Zedekiah's Cave" will be presented by singer Eduardo Chama and members of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Motti Shmit.

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TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

EDUCATIONAL TV
8.00 Telecast: 8.03 Keep Fit 8.15 School Broadcasts 14.00 Telecast 14.03 Keep Fit 14.15 Family Problems 15.00 Tau Tau 15.20 Hebrew Summary 15.55 The Love of The Three Oranges. BBC production of Prokofiev's opera (part 2) 17.00 A New Evening - live magazine

ISRAELI TV
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES
17.30 Children's Problems 18.00 Science fiction series 18.25 A look at biblical times
ARABIC-LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES
18.30 News roundup 18.32 Family Magazine 19.00 Meeting - current affairs 19.30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES
20.00 with a news roundup
20.02 Mabat Sport
20.50 Hebrew Sport - tips on hikes and trips
21.00 Mabat Sport
21.35 Fresh Fields. New British series, starring Julia McKenzie and Anton Rodgers
22.00 Current Affairs Magazine
22.40 Dempsey and McGeeney. British suspense series starring Michael Brandon and Glynn Barber
23.30 Language Corner, introduced by Avshalom Kor, and News

ISRAELI TV CHANNEL 2
19.00 Children's programmes 19.30 Tazpit - science and technology magazine 20.00 Israeli drama 21.00 Shorts
JORDANIAN TV (unofficial)
17.30 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Me & My Girl 21.10 To be announced 22.00 News in English 22.20 Feature film

MIDDLE EAST TV
13.30 Another Life 14.00 700 Club 14.30 Shape-Up 15.00 Afternoon Movie: Mirage 17.00 Flying House 17.30 Fraggle Rock 18.00 The Jeffersons 18.30 Me & My Girl 19.00 News 20.00 Scarecrow and Mrs. King 21.00 Miss Universe 22.00 700 Club 23.30 Another Life

VOICE OF MUSIC
6.02 Morning Melodies 7.09 Giuliani: Concerto for 2 Mandolins, Violin and Piano; Mozart: Concerto for 2 Pianos K.365; Saint-Saens: Concerto No. 1 for Cello and Orchestra; Franck: Symphony in D minor 9.00 Bach: Suite No. 2; Haydn: Quartet No. 77, Op. 76 No. 3; Brahms: Set of Songs for Soprano and Piano Op. 35 13.05 Mozart: Concerto No. 22 for Piano and Orchestra K.482; Beethoven: Trio for Piano, Violin and Cello Op. 37 "Archduke" (Kienast, Harrell, Perlman); Schumann: Symphony No. 3 Op. 97 "Rhenish" 15.00 Meetings 16.00 The Israeli Quartet, live broadcast from the Jerusalem YMCA (M. Zakai, contralto, A. Birn, flute, A. Cheret, clarinet) - Works by Respighi, Ravel and Hindemith 19.00 Light Classical Music 20.05 Musical Medley 20.30 Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra under Yuri Ahronovich: live broadcast from the Henry Crown Hall - Goldmark: Overture "Im Fruhlings"; Komolod: Concerto for Violin and Orchestra; Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 4 Op. 38 23.00 Golden Generation

RADIO 1st
6.03 Programmes for Olim 7.20 Programme in Easy Hebrew 8.05 Compass - with Benny Hendel 9.06 Information for Listeners 10.05 Morning Pearls 11.10 School Broadcasts 11.30 Followings 12.05 Mid-East Medley 13.00 News in English 13.30 News in French 14.00 Children's programmes 15.30 Education for all 16.05 An Unknown Land 17.20 Everyman's University 18.05 Jewish Traditions 19.05 Lesson in Talmud 19.20 Bible Reading 19.30 Programmes for Olim 22.05 I Have a Dream

RADIO 2nd
6.12 Gymnastics 6.30 Editorial Review 6.53 Green Light - drivers' corner 7.00 This Morning - news magazine 8.05 Making an Issue 8.05 House Call - with Rivka Michael 10.05 All Shades of the Network 11.30 Safe Journey 12.10 O.K. on Two 13.00 Midday - news commentary, music 14.05 Culture and Arts Magazine 14.30 Six Days in June - 30 years after 16.05 Songs and Homeword 17.05 Economics Magazine 18.05 Spotlight 18.45 Today in Sport 19.05 Today - radio newswire 19.35 This Week in the Knesset 20.05 Roots - folklore magazine 22.05 Hebrew songs 23.05 Between Ourselves

ARMY
6.05 University on the Air 6.30 Open Your Eyes - songs, information 7.07 "77" - with Alex Ansky 8.00 Good Morning Israel 9.05 in the Morning - with Eli Yerael 10.05 Coffee Break - with Michel Nir 11.05 Right Now - with Yossi Abudai 12.05 Good Place in the Centre 13.05 The Magical Mystery Tour (repeat) 16.05 Four in the Afternoon 17.00 Evening Newswire 18.05 Economics Magazine 19.05 Hebrew songs 20.05 Army and Defence Magazine (repeat) 21.00 Mabat - TV newswire 21.30 University on the Air (repeat) 22.05 Popular songs 23.05 The 24th Hour 00.05 Night Birds - songs, chat

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13.00-13.30 News followed by:
SUNDAY - "This Land" travel magazine
MONDAY - "Mainstream" consumer and community affairs
TUESDAY - "Israel Mosaic" weekly magazine
WEDNESDAY - "With me in the studio" guest interview
THURSDAY - "Studio Three" arts magazine
FRIDAY - "Thank Goodness It's Friday"
SATURDAY - "Spotlight" people and issues in the news
17.00-17.05 News
20.00-20.15 News

CINEMA PERFORMANCES

JERUSALEM
Belt Agony: Gone With the Wind 6:30; The Outsiders 8; Dina 9:45; The Fly, midnight; Cinemascope: Passions d'Amore 7; The Conductor 8:30; Dina 9:30; Thunderbolt and Lightfoot, midnight; Eden: Les Fugitives 4:30, 7:30, 9:30; Edifice: Over the Top 4:30, 7:30; Nabila: My Life as a Dog 5:15, 7:30, 9:30; Israel Museum: The General 7, 9:15; Kfir: The Night of the Rose 4:30, 7, 9:15; Mithras: Children of a Lesser God 7:15, 9:30; Orgel: The Marriage of Maria Braun 4:30, 7, 9:15; Orson Or 1: No Mercy 4:30, 7:15, 9:15; Orson Or 3: Crocodile Dundee 4:30, 7:15, 9:15; Eddie and the Cruisers 11:15 p.m.; Orson Or 4: The Fourth Protocol 4:30, 7, 9:15; Back to School 11:15 p.m.; Orson Or 5: Jumpin' Jack Flash 4:30, 7:15, 9:15; Brubaker: 11:15 p.m.; Gens: Little Shop of Horrors 4:30, 7:15, 9:15; Bear Round Midnight 4:30, 7, 9:15; Semadar: Amadeus 8:30, 9:15.

TEL AVIV
Belt Llanish: Koyanigatsa 11:15 p.m.; Ben Yehuda: Streets of Gold 6, 7:15, 9:30; Berta Haterfuroth: Angry Harvest 6; Chen 1: Tin Men 5, 7:30, 9:45; Chen 2: Little Shop of Horrors 5, 7:30, 9:45; Chen 3: Soul Man 5, 7:35, 9:45; Chen 4: Crimes of the Heart 11, 2, 5, 7:30, 9:40; Chen 5: Color of Money 11, 2, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Cinema Over: The Morning After 5, 7:15, 9:30; Cinema Two: Hannah and Her Sisters 5, 7:15, 9:30; Delsol: Crocodile Dundee 7:15, 9:30; Dinsagoff 1: Les Fugitives 11, 1:30, 5, 7:30, 9:30; Dinsagoff 2: Decline of the American Empire 11, 1:30, 5, 7:30, 9:30; Dinsagoff 3: La Frontiere 11, 1:30, 5, 7:30, 9:30; Room With a View 7:30, 9:50; Dinsagoff: Over the Top 8, 10; Sex film 12 midnight; Eastern: Club Paradise 5, 7:30, 9:45; Gai: That's Life 6, 7:30, 9:45; New Gordon: The Marriage of Maria Braun 5, 7:30, 9:30; Hakeles 204: Haze: Red Kiss 6, 7:30, 9:30; Zigi Stardust 11:45 p.m.; Hedi: Heat 5, 7:15, 9:30; Lev 1: Down by Law 2, 5, 7:30, 9:40; Lev 2: Clockwise 2, 5, 7:40, 9:40; Lev 3: Melo 2, 5, 7:30, 9:40; Lev 4: Tenue de Soiree 2, 5, 7:40, 9:50; Lerner: Hallelujah: The Fourth Protocol 4:30, 7, 9:30; Hakeles 204: Haze: Red Kiss 6, 7:30, 9:30; Lev: My Life as a Dog 5, 7:30, 9:30; Orly: Children of a Lesser God 4:30, 7, 9:30; Paris: Betty Blue, 37 Degrees in the Morning 11:45, 2, 4:15, 7:30; Peer: Billy Galvin 5, 7:30, 9:30; Semadar: Platoon 4:15, 7, 9:30; Sem: Something Wild 5, 7:30, 9:40; Love and Death, midnight; Tamar: Kluge: 7:15, 9:40; The Pink Panther Strikes Again, midnight; Techeles: Round Midnight 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Tel Aviv: Over the Top 5, 7:15, 9:30;

TEL AVIV MUSEUM: Death of a Salesman 4:30, 9:30; Shosh 1, 1 p.m.; Zafan: The Name of the Rose 4:30, 7, 9:45.

HAIFA
Amphitheatre: 9½ Weeks 4:30, 7, 9:30; Armon: Closed door to renovations; Armon 1: Children of a Lesser God 4:30, 6:45, 9:10; Armon 2: Decline of the American Empire 4:30, 7, 9:15; Armon 3: Farris Bueller's Day Off 4:30, 7, 9:15; Chen: Hallelujah: Crocodile Dundee 4:30, 7, 9:15; Kfir: Or Leshel: Smooth Talk 4:30, 7, 9:15; Hunger 11:30; Orish: The Name of the Rose 4, 6:30, 9; Orly: Betty Blue 7, 9:15; Peer: Eight Million Ways to Die 4:30, 7, 9:15; Peer: The Little Shop of Horrors 4:30, 7, 9:15; Peer: 2: Clockwise 4:30, 7, 9:15; Peer: Over the Top 4:30, 7, 9:15; Shavit: Down by Law 7, 9:15.

RAMAT GAN
Armon: Crocodile Dundee 5, 7:30, 9:45; Lays: Hot Target 7:15, 9:30; Classic Club Paradise 7:30, 9:45; Orish: Over the Top 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Rav-Gan 1: Something Wild 5, 7:30, 9:15; Rav-Gan 2: Tin Men 5, 7:30, 9:15; Snow White 11, 2, 5, 7:30, 9:45; The Morning After 5, 7:30, 9:45; Rav-Gan 4: Little Shop of Horrors 5, 7:30, 9:45.

HERZLIYA
Dina Anadiah: The Mosquito Coast 7, 9:30; Daniel Hotel Auditorium: Platoon 7:30 (ex. Wed.); David: Soul Man 5, 7:15, 9:30; Hedi: Over the Top 5, 7:15, 9:30; New Tivert: Crocodile Dundee 7:30, 9:30.

HOLON
Armon: Hallelujah: Escort Girl 7:30, 9:30; Hedi: 11:30 p.m.; Hedi: Tin Men 7:15, 9:30; Savoy: Children of a Lesser God 5, 7:15, 9:30.

BAT YAM
Armon: Over the Top 4:30.

GIVATYIM
Hedi: Children of a Lesser God 4:30, 7, 9:30.

RAMAT HASHARON
Kochav: The Golden Seal 4; Off Beat 7; Peggy Sue Got Married 9:30.

PETAH TIKVA
G.G. Hedi: 1: Over the Top 7:15, 9:30; G.G. Hedi: 2: Children of a Lesser God 4:30, 7, 9:30; Hedi: 3: Brighten Beach Memories 4:30, 7:15, 9:30.

RISHON LEZION
G.G. Ron 1: Over the Top 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; G.G. Ron 2: Children of a Lesser God 4:30, 7, 9:30.

WHAT'S ON

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JERUSALEM Museums

ISRAELI MUSEUM: Exhibitions: Dorit Yacoby and Raanan Zohari, Paintings of Israel Art, New Acquisitions of Islamic Jewellery Treasures of the 8th cent. to modern times of Paster Van Lin (Flemish, 1600-1690), "Achilles Among the Daughters of Lyncides" of Designs submitted in the 1986 competition for Supreme Court Building of Ronora Daumier, Armand Hammer Collection of News in Antiquities 57 of Corvo Donation, of Paintings by Felix Nussbaum, Jewish artist who died in the Holocaust of Miriam Bar-Tov, 4 book illustrations of Artists Quoting Artists of Ancient Glass, latest acquisitions of Children of the World Paint Jerusalem of Permanent collections: Archaeology, Judaism, Ethnic Art, the Dead Sea Scrolls (in the Shrine of the Book).

ROCKEFELLER MUSEUM: Ancient Masks and Rattles of Animals in Ancient Art of Islamic Art (Palestine).

VISITING HOURS: Main Museum 10-5. At 11: Guided tour of Museum in English, 3: Guided tour of Judaism & Heritage galleries in English, 7:45-10 p.m. Film, "The General" & "Night in the Show".

L.A. MAYER MUSEUM FOR ISLAMIC ART: Visiting hours: Sun-Thur 10-1; 3-6 p.m. Fri. closed. Sat. and holiday even 10-1.2 H

Old-style luxury

Abraham Rabinovich

FROM THE penthouses overlooking the Knesset to the villas of Shuafat, there is no more luxurious housing in Jerusalem today than in a 2,000-year-old neighbourhood in the Old City where workmen are applying the finishing touches after years of renovation.

A mansion with 600 square metres of floor space on each of its floors, villas with sunken baths and beautiful mosaic bathroom floors, elegant stucco-ornamented walls and ceilings, a wide choice of ritual baths, and brightly-coloured murals reminiscent of Pompeii are features that classy real-estate agents would doubtless let speak for themselves when showing around prospective clients.

When the neighbourhood is opened, in the fall, visitors will probably be so taken by the lavishness and decor that they will stop noticing after a few moments that the houses are all underground.

The neighbourhood, which served the aristocracy and priesthood of Jerusalem at the end of the Second Temple Period, is the last and largest of the archaeological sites in the Jewish Quarter excavated by Prof. Nahman Avigad of the Hebrew University since the Six Day War. The restored site was originally intended to be opened to the public by Jerusalem Day this week, but the complexity of the project delayed its completion, probably until Succot.

Called by Avigad the Herodian neighbourhood (*Parvar*), this is the only residential area from the Herodian period yet uncovered in Jerusalem. That period was the most luxurious in Jerusalem's antiquity and the *Parvar* was perhaps the most luxurious section of the most luxurious neighbourhood.

Located at the eastern edge of today's Jewish Quarter - then known as the Upper City - it offered superb, unimpeded views of the Temple Mount across the narrow valley and the desert hills beyond the city walls. By socio-economic laws that appear to have been as valid then as today, the best views usually go to those who can afford them.

AVIGAD came upon the site seven metres below the level of Misgav Ladach Street. All the houses bore the grim, blackened signs of destruction by fire. In their conquest of the city in the summer of 70 CE, the Romans had attacked the Upper City from the east, a month after taking the Temple Mount. The villas, located on the front line of this battle, showed more extensive signs of destruction by fire than buildings deeper inside the quarter.

The bulk of the excavation site, which extends 120 metres, had been allocated after the Six Day War for the construction of Yeshivat Hakotel. Construction was held up in order to permit Avigad to complete his excavations. The building plans had to be altered so that the finds could be accommodated be-



Prof. Nahman Avigad: Rehavia is nothing compared to the Herodian neighbourhood of Second Temple Jerusalem. (Zev Padovani)

neath the massive structure without damage to vital archeological elements.

Seven of the villas found by Avigad are included in the *Parvar*, the most impressive being one he calls *Beit Midot*, each of whose floors measured 600 sq. m. The building was built around a central courtyard. Much of the ground floor and basement remains intact - part of a wall in one room has been preserved to a height of almost three metres - and there was apparently also an upper floor.

Wall paintings closely resemble those of Pompeii, say Avigad. A true fresco technique was used, the paint being applied while the plaster was still wet.

In Pompeii, roughly contemporaneous with Herodian Jerusalem, fresco painting had followed an earlier period in which the walls were covered with cream-coloured stucco designs, simulating stonework in relief. Curiously, the periods in Jerusalem were precisely reversed, local tastes shifting from walls covered with colourful frescoes to elegant stucco-work.

AVIGAD SUSPECTS that the richly-ornamented *Beit Midot*, which contained five ritual baths and a large reception hall, may have belonged to a Temple high priest.

It was the Temple itself, he believes, that accounted for much of the wealth of Herodian Jerusalem. Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims came each year, paying a Temple tax and leaving behind an abundance of shekels with local merchants.

Numerous artifacts attesting to the wealth of the inhabitants were

dug from the dirt. These include decorated stone tables; a beautiful glass pitcher made (and imprinted) by Ennion, a well-known glassmaker from Sidon in the first century CE; a small, portable sundial; and some fine pottery.

Avigad has been a minimalist in his restoration, adding far fewer rows of stone or other materials to help conjure up the original shape than are used, for instance, in the restoration of the excavations at the foot of the Temple Mount. To the extent that stones have been added, they are of the same soft limestone as was used by the original builders. Since this type of stone is no longer used for building, it had to be searched for in old quarries.

The original excavations were completed in the 1970s, after eight years of labour, but the site was covered over and left hidden in the basement of Yeshivat Hakotel when no funds could be obtained for its restoration.

Following the immense popularity won by the Cardo, the Burnt House and other archeological excavations in the quarter that have been restored, funds for the restoration of the *Parvar* were provided by the Company for the Reconstruction of the Jewish Quarter, the government municipality company that has overseen its restoration. Work got underway in December 1985.

A visitor to the site last week suggested to Avigad that the *Parvar* was the Rehavia of its day. Avigad, who himself lives in Rehavia - a neighbourhood once favoured by the gentry of Jerusalem - lightly dismissed the comparison. "Rehavia compared to this is just a *schlepper*."

TENNIS

Amos expels Anger

LONDON (Reuters). - Bouncing back from last week's bumbling defeat at the hands of unknown Australian David MacPhearson, Amos Mansdorf yesterday easily dispatched his first-round opponent at the Queens Club Grass Court Tennis championships here. Gilad Bloom lost to Australia's Mark Kratzmann 6-3, 6-2.

Mansdorf, tuning up on grass surfaces for Wimbledon and Israel's Davis Cup tie against India in New Delhi, both next month, handily defeated American Matt Anger 6-1, 6-2.

Yesterday, Anger, a serve-and-volley specialist, was no match for Mansdorf, currently ranked 32nd in the world. Mansdorf has now defeated Anger the last two times they have met, beating the 24-year-old Californian in the finals of the South African open last October.

Gilad Bloom, Israel's other representative at this prestigious grass court tournament considered mandatory for players preparing to play at Wimbledon, did not fare so well. Bloom is rated 148th on the ATP tennis rankings, 22 places higher than Kratzmann, but the Aussie has had much more experience on grass.

Mansdorf will get play his second round match tomorrow, rain permitting.

In the tournament's biggest upset to date, French Open finalist Mats Wilander became the latest victim of the switch from clay to grass when he lost to West German Eric Jelen in their first round match.

Wilander, who contested the French Open title against Ivan Lendl on the clay surface court of Roland Garros on Sunday, was beaten 6-3, 6-7, 6-4 in a match resumed in the third set after rain forced play to be suspended on Tuesday.

Wilander became the second big-name casualty of the Queen's Club tournament following Tuesday's first-round elimination of fourth seed Yannick Noah. The third-seeded Swede, who saved four match points before finally succumbing to the hard-serving Jelen, ranked 72nd in the world.

"It's hard to get your mind on it when you go from the French Open to Queen's," said Wilander. "Going from clay to hard court or from hard court to grass would be bad enough. This is too hard."

Other first-round results of matches played yesterday: Kenneth Karlsen (13), India, def. Eddie Edwards, South Africa, 1-6, 7-5, 8-6; Peter Fleming, U.S., def. Derrick Rostagno, U.S., 6-1, 6-2; Steve Fiedt, Australia, def. Tim Wilander, U.S., 6-3, 6-4; Lloyd Bourne, U.S., def. Scott Davis (10), 7-6 (8-6), 5-7, 6-2; David Pate (6), U.S., def. Marcel Freeman, U.S., 4-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4; Jaime Yanga, Peru, def. Robert Somo, U.S., 7-6 (11-9), 3-6, 6-2; Jimmy Connors (5), U.S., def. Dunde Vimer, South Africa, 6-3, 6-4; Kevin Carver (9), U.S., def. Eric Wengradsky, France, 7-6 (12-10), 6-4; Wally Masur (15), Australia, def. Fred Dyle, Australia, 6-3, 6-2.

BASKETBALL

Israel face Romania today

ATHENS. - Holland edged Romania 88-87 last night at the 25th European Basketball Championships, setting up today's battle for 11th and 12th place between Israel and Romania.

Quarter-final results in Athens: Soviet Union 110, Czechoslovakia 91 (halftime 55-51); Spain 107, West Germany 77 (halftime 56-34).

ATHLETICS

British challenge

GATESHEAD, England (AFP). - European sprint champion Linford Christie has thrown down the gauntlet to the world's fastest human, Ben Johnson.

The Englishman believes he can beat Johnson over 200 metres if the Canadian were to decide to compete in that event, rather than the 100 metres, in the international between the United Kingdom, Canada and Poland here on Saturday.

"I think Ben's a brilliant 100 metres runner, but I've got him over 200 metres," said the ever-confident European 100 metres gold medalist.

"I'd really like a crack at him over that distance, as I've done a lot of technical work on my 200 metres and I've pleased with the way it's going."

Christie will definitely face a test from fellow European champion Roger Black, who is stepping down from 400 metres to gain more valuable speedwork.

The UK also field three other European champions, Jack Buckner (1,500 metres), Daley Thompson (4 x 100 metres relay) and Patience Whitbread (Javelin), as well as former Olympic gold medalist Steve Ovett (3,000 metres).

GOLF

Palmer returns

LONDON (Reuters). - Arnold Palmer is expected to make a return to the British Open golf championship next month at the age of 57.

The legendary American, winner in 1961 and 1962, has filed an entry for the event starting on July 16 at Muirfield, the course where he announced in 1980 that he might never play in the championship again.

In fact, Palmer made his last Open appearance at St. Andrew's three years ago. He was scheduled to play last year but withdrew just before the event.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Magic drives Celts to edge

BOSTON (AP). - Magic Johnson drove into the lane for a hook shot with two seconds remaining on Tuesday night to give the Los Angeles Lakers a 107-106 victory over the Boston Celtics and a 3-1 lead in the NBA championship series.

Game 5 is tonight at Boston Garden, but even if the Celtics win, the Lakers have the next two games at home and the Celtics have lost six straight road playoff games by an average of nearly 16 points.

The Lakers, who trailed 103-95 with 3 1/2 minutes remaining, rallied with a 9-0 spurt to take their first lead of the game since early in the first quarter.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's dunk made it 104-103 with 29 seconds left, but Larry Bird gave the Celtics a

two-point lead with a 3-pointer from the corner with 12 seconds left.

Abdul-Jabbar, who scored 10 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter, made one free throw with eight seconds left, then missed the second, but Boston's Kevin McHale knocked the ball out of bounds. After a timeout, Johnson, who finished with 29 points, calmly dribbled away several seconds in the corner before driving into the middle for the game-winning shot.

Bird then missed a long jumper at the buzzer, leaving the Lakers with the victory they needed to put them in complete control in the series.

The Celtics, who had won five consecutive playoff games at home and 85 of their last 87 appearances at Boston Garden, stifled the high-

powered Los Angeles attack for 2 1/2 quarters in a game that saw tempers flare twice into minor scuffles.

The Celtics are trying to become the first team since the 1969 Celtics to repeat as NBA champions. That Boston team also trailed 2-0 to the Lakers after two games in California, but they evened it 2-2 in the next two games at home.

James Worthy, held to a total of four points in four consecutive quarters after leading the Lakers in scoring for six of seven playoff games before game 3, finished with 21 points, and reserve Mychal Thompson joined Abdul-Jabbar with 16.

McHale led Boston with 25 points. Danny Ainge added 23 and Bird 21, despite missing 11 of his first 17 shots.

BASEBALL

Untouchable relievers strike again

NEW YORK (AP). - The Major League versions of "The Untouchables" are appearing just about nightly in Philadelphia and Houston.

Relievers Steve Bedrosian of the Phillies and Dave Smith of the Astros have been sensational recently, mowing down batters with astounding regularity. Bedrosian even tied a National League record on Tuesday night with his eighth save in as many consecutive appearances, holding off the Cardinals for a 3-2 win.

Smith was just as good, picking up his 11th save with 1 1/2 innings of perfect relief, extending his string to 23 1/2 innings without yielding an earned run as Houston edged San Diego 1-0.

In other NL games, it was Pittsburgh 8, San Francisco 10, Cincinnati 2, Chicago 6, New York 5 and Los Angeles 5, Atlanta 3.

With his second near miss in as many years, Oakland's Curt Young keeps getting closer to a no-hitter.

Last year, Young pitched a no-hitter for 6 2/3 innings before allowing an infield single in a one-hit, 6-0 victory over Kansas City. On Tuesday night, he went one inning further before Ken Williams broke up his bid with a two-run homer in the eighth.

"I'm kind of amazed," Young said after the second one-hitter of his career, an 8-3 victory over the Chicago White Sox. "I like to believe I have the same stuff every game. Sometimes they hit it and sometimes they don't."

In other American League games, it was Toronto 7, New York 2; Boston 2, Baltimore 1; Detroit 8, Milwaukee 5; Minnesota 5, Kansas City 2; California 6, Cleveland 5; and Texas 3, Seattle 8.

Williams was 8-for-16 before he hit a 2-2 pitch for the home run that landed just inside the left field pole.

Chicago's two best chances for a base hit before Williams' homer came when third baseman Mark McGwire one-banded a grounder by Fred McGriff in the third and shortstop Mike Gallego had to go to his right in the fifth inning on a grounder by Carlton Fisk.

Young, 33, struck out seven and walked three to earn his fifth complete game.

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	34	21	.616	-
Chicago	33	22	.599	1
Montreal	32	23	.581	2
New York	30	25	.545	4
Philadelphia	28	27	.509	6
Pittsburgh	26	29	.473	8

WEST DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	33	22	.599	-
San Francisco	32	23	.581	1
Houston	30	25	.545	3
Los Angeles	29	26	.520	4
Atlanta	28	27	.509	5
San Diego	25	30	.455	10

AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	33	22	.600	-
New York	32	23	.581	1
Milwaukee	31	24	.562	2
Detroit	30	25	.545	3
Baltimore	29	26	.520	4
Boston	28	27	.509	5
Cleveland	26	29	.473	7

WEST DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Kansas City	30	25	.545	-
Minnesota	29	26	.520	1
Oakland	28	27	.509	2
Seattle	27	28	.491	3
California	26	29	.473	4
Texas	25	30	.455	5
Chicago	22	33	.400	10

SCOREBOARD

Last Friday the English League Cup Finalists apparently slammed the door in the 23-year-old striker's face by withdrawing their offer, after waiting three months for him to make up his mind.

But the on-off transfer will now go through later this week, following Barnes' meeting with Liverpool officials on Tuesday.

ATHLETICS. Olympic champion Joaquim Cruz of Brazil used his glee to stage a brilliant closing sprint and overtake Canadian Dave

Campbell to win the 1,500 metres on Tuesday night at the Harry Jerome International Track Classic at Vancouver, British Columbia.

Cruz, winner of the 800 metres at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games, passed Campbell on the final straightaway and managed to hold off the challenge of veteran Mike Bolt of Kenya and Cyrille Lerumure of France over the final 50 metres, while the exhausted Campbell dropped to fourth place.

American sprinter Alice Brown, the Olympic silver medalist in the 100 metres, was her favourite event in 11.32 seconds and was selected the meet's top female performer.

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Greek warning

Sraya Shapiro

just when the Russian revolution was erupting. His father held a British passport, having emigrated to England years before the war. "This helped us get out of Russia when the war ended," The family settled in Glasgow.

On leaving school, Dr. Barnett, bitten by the stage bug, spent a year in Portsmouth, studying acting. "But then I was accepted to the medical school in Birmingham, and that was the end of my theatrical dream." He also studied child psychology, but takes psychology with a pinch of salt - "mostly half-baked theories."

SOME 15 years ago he stumbled upon the *Bacchae* and was stunned. "Here was a clinical description of drug poisoning," Dr. Barnett says. The addicts blindly obey their leader who despises his followers. Under the influence of drugs people lose any sense of mercy and violence prevails. An abnormal state of mind is sought for in his own sake. "Euripides urges his fellow countrymen to resist the foreign influence. Dionysus, that gentler of gods, inspires a most cruel ritual."

A critic, one of the many to whom Dr. Barnett submitted his theory, wrote back angrily asserting that Euripides simply "invented" the ritual he describes. "Impossible!" Barnett exclaims, claiming that the detailed description is too near to

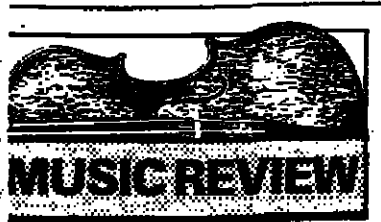


Dr. Bernard Barnett: Euripides was an early anti-drug campaigner. (S. Shapiro)

fact. Moreover, the Greek dramatists were politically-minded.

The other day the phone rang. It was Dr. Barnett, looking for Sarah Honig, whose article on cults had just appeared in *The Post*. When I went to see him, he had not lost an ounce of enthusiasm for his pet subject. His annotated Greek and English edition of the play was with him, and he spoke volubly about the work's message.

But could his definition of a cult be applied to contemporary groups? "Obviously. In some respects, at least. But that is more complicated." He did not seem eager to deviate from Euripides.



ISRAEL FESTIVAL: THE PHILIP GLASS NESEMBLE - keyboards, synthesizers, flute, oboe, synthesizer, live sound mix. (Mount Ophiel Amphitheatre, Jerusalem, June 9), by Philip Glass.

SOMETIMES we critics receive a pleasant surprise. But Philip Glass and his ensemble gave us exactly what we expected: incredibly monotonous music lacking any spiritual or emotional aspects. Moreover, his work contains an almost intolerable amount of repetition.

Unappealing Glass

All of Glass's music uses the same gimmick: figurative melodic-rhythmical patterns are usually combined with unchanging harmony. The whole texture, despite the apparently existing movement, remains static, sounds mechanical and provides no change in colour, mood and expression (that is, if there is such a thing as expression in Glass's music). Glass seems incapable or unwilling to free himself from the compulsive following of one single idea.

Glass's melodic, harmonic and sonorous inventions are simplistic

and primitive. Even sonority, which plays such a decisive role in 20th-century music, is completely stagnant, over simplified and bare.

Why Philip Glass enjoys such success and his music such appeal, remains a riddle.

The value of music by a composer who is unable to renew himself, to develop, to look for new ways and means, to substitute something different for one single trick, used over and over again, remains highly questionable.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

Greenspan spurs inflation fears

WASHINGTON (AP). — The change from Paul Volcker to Alan Greenspan at the Federal Reserve will mean higher U.S. inflation this year and a greater likelihood of a recession right after the 1988 election, some private economists are saying.

These analysts are also looking for a period of uncertainty in financial markets over the summer months and lasting into the fall as the central bank adapts to a new chairman after eight years with Volcker at the helm.

The transfer of power from Volcker to Greenspan will not go as smoothly as in 1979, when Volcker succeeded G. William Miller as chairman of the Fed, these economists contend.

Volcker wasted no time taking control, moving to raise a key lending rate 10 days after he took office. Volcker could move quickly because he had already spent four years as head of the Fed's New York regional bank, a position which allowed him to learn the arcane inner-workings of monetary policy.

Greenspan, who last served full-time in government as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers in the Ford administration, will not have that advantage.

"Fed policy is likely to settle into a don't-rock-the-boat approach while Greenspan is learning the ropes," says veteran Fed watcher David Jones, of Aubrey G. Landston and Co., a government securities firm.

Jones says even after Greenspan takes charge, he will have to contend with supply-siders on the Fed board appointed by President Reagan, who are more focused on economic growth than inflation worries.

"Whatever action the Fed takes is likely to be too little, too late, to cool off the forces which are already starting to produce higher inflation," Jones predicts.

Because of this belief, Jones says he is now predicting consumer prices will rise between 5.5 and 6 per cent

this year, about one percentage point higher than he had been forecasting with a Volcker-led Fed. Consumer prices rose just 1.1 per cent last year.

David Wyss, senior financial economist at Data Resources Inc., a Lexington, Massachusetts, forecasting firm, says he believes Volcker's departure enhances the likelihood of a recession late next year or in 1989. "I don't think the financial markets will have enough confidence in Dr. Greenspan to allow him to walk the narrow tightrope that will be required to keep us out of a recession," Wyss says.

But not all economists are rushing to revise their economic forecasts because of the change at the Fed.

Lawrence Chimrine, president of Wahron Econometrics, says he believes the central bank will continue to pursue the same "middle-of-the-road" policies that Volcker has been pursuing for the past two years.

"The Fed doesn't have a lot of choices right now. They can't ease credit conditions dramatically because that would cause the dollar to weaken and push up interest rates but, on the other hand, the economy isn't strong enough to tighten credit."

Volcker's tight-money policies pushed the country into two recessions, a short one in 1980 and a severe downturn in 1981-82. These efforts made him so unpopular at the time that he was given Secret Service protection. But in the end he did succeed in conquering the high inflation that had plagued the country throughout the 1970s.

In addition to fighting inflation through monetary controls, Volcker took the lead in managing the Third World debt crisis, which erupted in 1982 with the threatened default of Mexico.

Analysts say Greenspan, because of his lack of expertise in international economics, may move the Fed



CAN HE FILL HIS SHOES: Alan Greenspan (left) and Paul Volcker at the White House press conference last week, where Volcker's decision not to accept a third term was announced. (AFP)

away from being such an active player in debt negotiations.

Economists also predict that Greenspan's free-market beliefs will lead to a new direction concerning deregulation of the banking industry, something that Volcker has long opposed.

In many areas, though, economists predict Greenspan will sound much like his predecessor. Both men, for instance, have issued frequent warnings about the need to

reduce the huge federal budget deficits.

Some wonder whether Greenspan, a Republican, would be able to act independently, especially during the 1988 presidential election, when Republicans will be counting on an expanding economy to help them hold onto the White House. But many analysts say Greenspan has exhibited an independent streak in previous Republican administrations and was likely to continue doing so.

THE TAX BURDEN/Jeff Broide

Trimmed fringes

The Israeli taxpayer is engaged in a perpetual search for those fringe benefits that are still tax free or are subject to lower tax rates. While it is true that prior to the 1975 reform, such tax-free benefits were often abused, the reform has, in some cases, dealt too harshly with these and several other legitimate business expenses. Today, many of these benefits are non-deductible expenses for purposes of income and value-added taxes or, alternatively, are taxable in the hands of the beneficiary. Here we shall consider some of the more common fringe benefits:

Deductible expenditure on meals		
Meal	With Receipts NIS	Without Receipts NIS
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Lunch (4 hrs work during course of afternoon)	4	3
Supper (return after 7 p.m.)	2	1
Total	7	5

• **ENTERTAINMENT:** Entertainment allowances paid to employees (including managers and directors) are fully taxable and are treated as salary for tax purposes. Expenditures incurred on entertaining local clients or business associates are not deductible for income tax or VAT purposes, but those incurred on entertaining overseas clients or business associates are deductible under certain conditions. They must be "reasonable" by the authorities standards and incurred in connection with the business. Furthermore, they must be accompanied by the proper receipts, including guests' names, country of origin, particulars of the visit and entertainment, and business connection.

• **MEALS, ACCOMMODATION AND REFRESHMENT:** Meals (not meal allowances) provided for employees at their place of work in industrial, agricultural and tourism enterprises, and old-age homes and hospitals are tax-exempt up to NIS 44 per worker per month.

Special provisions apply to both salaried workers and self-employed tax-payers if they travel more than 10 kilometers between their business and home. They may deduct expenditure on meals, provided they keep detailed monthly records. The deductible amounts vary according to availability of receipts and time of departure and return (see accompanying table).

Accommodation expenditure for local business trips is deductible, if hotel or other bills are supplied. Expenditure on light refreshments such as soft drinks, coffee, tea and biscuits provided at the business for clients, customers, suppliers or other business associates is deductible.

• **OVERSEAS TRAVEL:** Expenditure incurred on overseas business trips is deductible if essential and not merely desirable for "production of income." The authorities apply these provisions very strictly. The deductible allowance rates are \$70 for accommodation (where receipts are available) and \$45 for other expenses. If no receipts are available, a daily amount of \$60 is permitted. Expenditure on gifts purchased during the trip may be deducted up to \$15 per recipient. Flight travel and telephone expenses are also deductible.

• **GIFTS AND DISCOUNTS TO EMPLOYEES:** Gifts not exceeding NIS 60 per employee per annum are not taxable, neither are discounts on goods or services purchased by employees not exceeding NIS 22 per person per month.

• **TELEPHONE AND LITERATURE:** Telephone allowances are taxable as ordinary salary. However, expenses for overseas calls made in the ordinary course of business are tax-deductible if a detailed record is maintained.

Professional literature allowances are taxable in the hands of the employee. Actual expenditure on professional or technical literature is deductible as a normal business expense, provided it is incurred in "producing income."

• **CLOTHING:** Clothing allowances are also taxable. However, if the clothing is essential for the purpose of business (e.g. protective) and does not serve any use outside that framework, such expenses are deductible.

• **SUBSIDIZED ACCOMMODATION:** An employee who receives rent-free or subsidized accommodation is taxed on the value of such benefits. If the employer pays municipal taxes, electricity, water, gas, etc., these payments are also liable to tax in the hands of the employee. Only in some cases — if the apartment serves primarily to enable the employee to fulfill his job — will such benefits not be taxable.

• **SUBSIDIZED LOANS:** Interest-free or low-interest loans to employees are liable to tax on the difference between the interest paid and changes in the consumer price index. If the difference in interest does not exceed NIS 22 per month, then no tax liability exists.

• **SHARE AND OTHER OPTIONS:** If, in exercising an option of the purchase of shares or other assets, a difference exists between the purchase price and the market value, the difference is liable to tax in the hands of the employee. However, the law does permit spreading the taxable difference over a period not exceeding six years. In many instances, difficulties will be encountered in determining the market value of certain options, such as shares or other assets in private companies.

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Irish eyes are smiling, but the Irish themselves aren't trading much with Israel

By KEN SCHACHTER

TEL AVIV. — Which pint-sized nation of about four million people is witnessing a worrisome emigration of its young people? Which country once chafed under the thumb of British power? Which country feels its fate closely entwined with a strip of land under such dispute that even its name is a point of contention? Still stumped? Okay, which country, whose name begins with "I," is gov-

erned by a powerful religious structure on matters temporal and a shaky coalition on matters political?

If the name Israel comes to mind, award yourself full credit. But if you said Ireland, the land of the bogs and the little people, then pour yourself a stout.

Though the parallels between the Irish and Israeli experience rarely are drawn, Tel Aviv lawyer Daniel Fosman is counting on them.

In the mind of Fosman, secretary-general of the recently formed Israel-Ireland Chamber of Commerce, once Israeli and Irish businessmen discover each other, they will find a wealth of business possibilities. But first must come the geography and history lesson. Most Israelis don't know the difference between Ireland and Northern Ireland, or, as the Irish say, "free Ireland" and the land "north of the

border," Fosman says. Though Israel's president, Belfast-born and Dublin-educated Chaim Herzog, is known throughout the Emerald Isle, many Irishmen still see Israel as a land of desert and camels, he says.

Once those stereotypes are punctured, Fosman declares, Israel-Ireland trade will take off. At the moment, bilateral trade is hovering at roughly the \$20 million-mark in each direction, with Ireland export-

ing meat, electronic components and milk powders to Israel, which in turn exports textiles, citrus and other food products, chemicals, flowers and jewelry to Ireland.

Fosman's strategy for the two-month-old chamber is to follow the pattern of Israel's relations with another staunchly Catholic country, Spain: Expand trade relations to overcome economic pressures exerted by the Arab bloc and use those "facts and figures" to induce the two nations to exchange ambassadors.

Fosman contends that \$100 million in trade in each direction can be reached around the end of the decade and once that threshold is crossed and tourism levels increase, the political process will come as a matter of course.

Currently, Israel and Ireland have diplomatic relations, but Ireland's interests are looked after by the ambassador to Greece, Charles Whelan, who is accredited to Israel and comes here every few months. Israel's interests in Ireland are handled through the embassy in London.

But with high levels of trade and a hoped-for direct air link between Dublin and Tel Aviv carrying religious pilgrims, businessmen and Irish Unifil soldiers, Fosman voices confidence that the political echelon will fall in line.

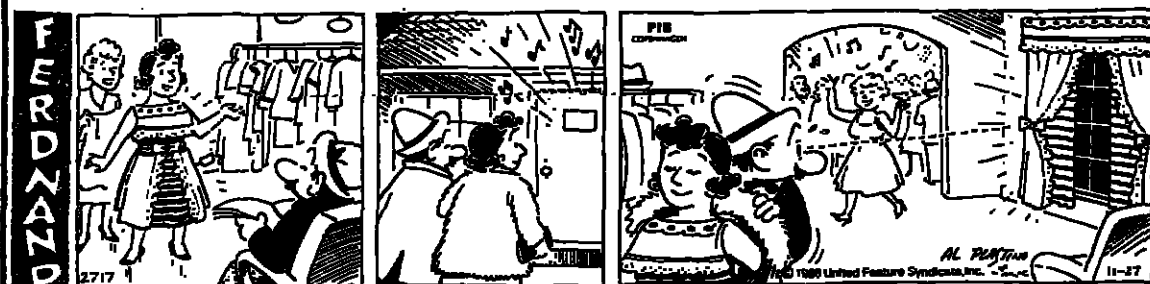
"If you're showing there's traffic and tourism, there's no way the two governments won't sign an agreement," he says.

While Fosman aims to increase awareness and heighten bilateral

trade, Zvi Levy, the representative of the Industrial Development Authority of Ireland in Israel, is promoting joint research ventures and industrial cooperation.

As Levy sees it, Ireland's full European Community membership, its abundant financing and its neutral political stance could assist Israeli firms seeking to bring technological innovations to market.

Levy reckons that Fosman may be a bit optimistic in his goal of attaining \$100m. in trade in three years. He figures five years might be a more realistic time-frame. Still, as any Israeli or Irishman would be quick to add, in the land of miracles and the land of leprechauns, visionaries sometimes can create their own reality.



CROSSWORD

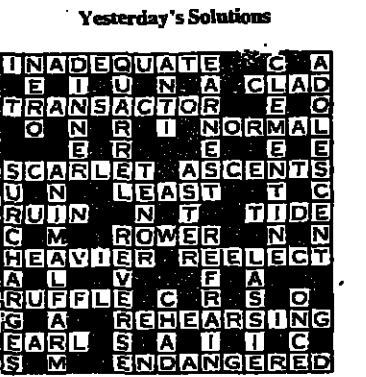
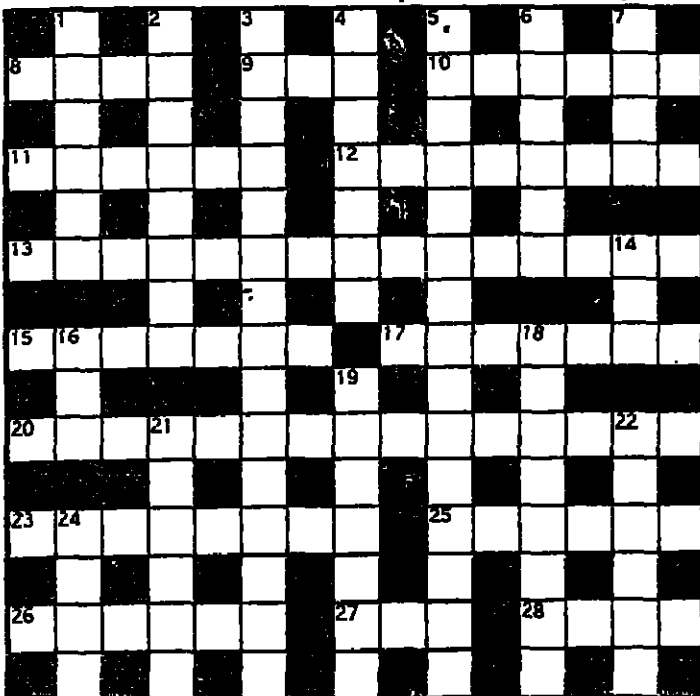
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- 8 A game reserve, maybe (4)
- 9 Make a quick move to get a point back (3)
- 10 An international skater on top of the world? (5,3)
- 11 Not a civil servant who won fame as a TV superstar? (6)
- 12 What a pest is when there's a slight difference of opinion about? (8)
- 13 Clearly most unpopular with the electorate (6,2,3,4)
- 15 Dearest clothes masquerade? (5,2)
- 17 A strangely odd pet taken into the family (7)
- 20 A spy holding up his umbrella? (10,5)

- 23 The entrance to the granary? You can't miss it! (4-4)
- 25 Scottish academy backed by American financiers (6)
- 26 It means eating out, but not formally (6)
- 27 Type of whale that comes in for criticism (3)
- 28 A change from last season? (4)

DOWN

- 1 Starchy food dad is about to revert to (6)
- 2 A climber that thrives in different climates (8)
- 3 Nobody objects if he gets the appointment (9,6)
- 4 Incidental outcome of cancelling the cycle ride? (4-3)



QUICK SOLUTION

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- 7 Mickey's girlfriend
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- 22 Unadorned
- 23 Broke out
- 24 Lay bare
- 25 Sturdy

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